

MINUTES
The Greater Kansas City
Disabled Federal Employee Council
Wednesday, October 6, 2004
09:00 to 11:00 A.M.

Location: GSA Federal Complex
1500 East Bannister Road
Kansas City, MO
Heartland Room

Attendees: Jim Jordan, Daryl Sprague, Cindy Hillman, Kendall Crosby, Jean Holiwell, Bobbie Mowery, Sultan Farakhan, Michelle Cain, Cindy Terwilliger, Donald Ashworth,

1. Opening Reminders:
 - A. Welcome – introductions – Bobbie Mowery introduced Cindy Terwilliger as her possible replacement for liaison from the FEB.
 - B. Sign-in sheet was distributed
 - C. Daryl Sprague resigned his position as Secretary due to health reasons but will continue to help as much as possible. Everyone agreed to rotate the minute taking until a new secretary is elected or Daryl is able to resume the duties.
2. Old Business:
 - A. UNITY DAY:

Cindy Hillman briefed the members on the evaluation results from Unity Day. She stated 100% of the participants rated the seminars as good or excellent. Also 98% indicated they met or exceeded their expectations. Further information to be sent out.
 - B. DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH PRESENTATION:

Jim Jordan and Daryl Sprague briefed on the Disability Awareness Month presentation which the DFEC is participating. The event is to be held at the GSA Plaza Auditorium on October 21st from 9 to 11 AM. Jim Jordan is to send Cindy Hillman a flyer to be distributed to invite Federal Employees not at the GSA Federal Complex.
 - C. HOST JOINT QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING (NOV. 4th)

Daryl Sprague and Kendall Crosby briefed on preparations for the Joint Quarterly Council Meeting to be held at the GSA Complex in the Plaza Auditorium on November 4th from 1 to 3 PM. Jim Jordan is to discuss with The Whole Person, Inc providing an Interpreter for the meeting.
3. NEW BUSINESS

A. THE WHOLE PERSON, INC.

Clayton Porter of The Whole Person, Inc briefed on his agencies mission and on going programs. Their mission is to assist people with disabilities to live independently and encourages change within the community to expand opportunities for independent living. Services are normally free to the disabled and include, independent living skills training, peer counseling, and personal care attendants. Other programs provided are bilingual sign language interpreters, outreach to immigrants, working to make sure Poling places are accessible, 1st Step program for toddlers with disabilities, benefit planning, Disability Law Center, home modification and barrier removal. Clayton gave his history being disabled and explained a system they use to address the issues or POCA or Problem, Option, Consequence, Act. They try to express the problem, discuss options, look at possible consequences and devise a plan to act. The Whole Person, Inc is located at 301 E Armour Blvd, Suite 430 in Kansas City, MO and there phone number is (816) 561-0304.

B. MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION:

Bobbie Mowery began a discussion on agency representatives attending and participating in the DFEC. Several ideas were discussed.

C. MENTORING PROGRAM:

Don Ashworth briefed on the National Disability Mentoring Day to be held on October 18th from 11:30 to 1:30. The event is put on by the Governors Council on Disability and designed to facilitate job shadowing and hands-on experience to job seekers with disabilities. More information is available at www.aapd-dc.org and scroll down to DMD.

D. TRAINING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

Jean Holowell initiated a discussion on problems within her organization when trainers are not prepared to train people with disabilities.

E. NEXT DFEC MEETING:

A discussion was held on where to hold meetings.

November No Meeting because of Joint Quarterly Council Meeting.

December 1st meeting will possibly be a Holiday Breakfast Meeting.

Daryl will look at having the meeting at the First Watch in the Westport Area. More to come.

January meeting tentatively scheduled to be held at the EPA facility in Kansas City, Kansas. More to follow.

This council meeting was adjourned.